

Syntactic Analysis.

Write a parser for MiniLan (III) - Second part

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1 Introducing the boolean expressions

`printSentence` supports both the arithmetic expressions *arithExpr* and the boolean expressions *boolExpr*: the former has a numerical Double value, the latter has a Java Boolean value. If we take a look to the language's syntax specification, we can see that *boolExpr*'s are just comparisons of two *arithExpr*'s. Let's try to add the *boolExpr* to our parser.

So, the tasks needed to be solved are:

1. **Introduce the new type of non terminal node:** call it *boolExpr*, and give to it the correct data type.
2. **Introduce the rules:** you must write the rules that produce a *boolExpr*, including the three cases for `==`, `>` and `<`. Additionally, write the corresponding Java code for evaluating them and for printing the following message, where *x1* and *x2* are the values stored in each of the operands and *OP* stands for the corresponding comparison operator:

```
PARSER:: boolExpr <== x1 OP x2
```

Recall that to compare Double objects you need the *compareTo* method. This method compares the current object with the Double that is given as a parameter. It returns 0 if both are equal, a value greater than 0 in case of current object being greater than the given as parameter one; otherwise, it returns a negative number.

```
Double a=new Double(8);  
if (a.compareTo(new Double(10))==0) { ...}
```

3. **Extend `printSentence`:** allowing not only to print *arithExpr* but *boolExpr* as well. In case of a *boolExpr*, the message to be printed must be as follows, with XXX being `true` or `false`:

```
PARSER:: printSentence <== PRINT (boolExpr<XXX>)
```